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Documents on Reds In Texas Reviewed

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WASHINGTON — A member of the Subversive Activities Control Board said Thursday the board would probably decide within the next few months on a Justice Department application to require a San Antonio man to register as a member of the Communist party.

The registration of John William Stanford Jr., 38, identified by FBI undercover employes as executive secretary of the party in Texas, is pending before SACB member Thomas J. Donegan.

Donegan is now reviewing certain documents produced in evidence by the FBI undercover spies to see if Stanford's attorney is entitled to inspect them for purposes of cross-examination.

UNDER CERTAIN conditions, in a ruling by the Supreme Court four years ago, the defense is entitled to see FBI information and records if they relate to direct testimony of a witness.

The documents were turned over to Donegan in a hearing at which two FBI-employed spies, including a shoe store salesman from Dallas, told of their connections with Stanford.

The Dallas undercover agent, William J. Lowery, said he had been a member of the party since 1945 and had received an average of $2,600 per year and expenses from the FBI for his work.

LOWERY SAID he joined the Dallas Communist Party Club and was a delegate to the state executive committee of the party. He said under cross-examination that he had given the FBI names of other Dallas members of the club.

These names were not disclosed at the hearing, nor does the FBI reveal them.

Lowery told of four secret meetings of the party, including two in Dallas, at which Stanford also participated. The two in Dallas were last year, he testified.

One Dallas meeting was in the Jefferson Hotel in July and another at the home of "a Communist sympathizer" in April.

AT THE HOTEL meeting, Lowery said Stanford told members the party was doing a good job in the United States, especially in the east and west. Films of Russia were shown, he said.

In the clandestine meeting at the home in Dallas, Stanford told members he had orders that all national and state offices of the party were being abolished and "future meetings would be on the basis of individuals."

At another meeting in Houston, Lowery related that Stanford told party members the "capitalistic system in the United States cannot be upset without the use of force and violence." This was mentioned during a discussion on Cuba, Lowery said.

LOWERY AND ANOTHER spy for the FBI, Mrs. Rosalie Uniquizo, a San Antonio seamstress, also told of checking on unnamed members of other organizations in the state.

They included the social justice committee of the Unitarian church in San Antonio, PASO (Political Association of Spanish Speaking Organizations) and the American GI Forum, a veterans group.

A spokesman for the FBI made it clear the spies were reporting on individuals rather than the activities of the organizations.

Lowery also said he did some reporting on both pro- and anti-integration groups. He said one group was reportedly pushing integration fast in Dallas, the other group was "anti-everything." Neither group was identified.

MRS. UNIQUIZO told of Stanford's presence in party meetings at San Antonio. She said she was paid around $40 to $50 per month by the FBI for her services.

The witness told of one meeting in which Stanford as asked if he wrote a story for The Worker, the Communist newspaper in the United States, on the election in Crystal City in which a Latin American slate wiped out a slate of Anglos.

She said Stanford replied he had mailed clippings from the San Antonio papers and the article was apparently written from them.

STANFORD WAS NOT present at the hearing. He and his attorney, Joseph Forer, have made it clear he does not intend to register. No member of the party or the party itself has registered.

Forer said cases are now pending in the federal courts on the right of the SACB to demand registration of Communists. He said it was "none of the Justice Department's business" what political affiliation Stanford chose.

Last June, Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy filed the petition with the SACB to require Stanford's registration.

If the courts uphold the board on appeal and a party member fails to register, he is subject to indictment carrying a fine of up to five years in prison and a fine of $10,000.

Forer charged the Justice Department with overlooking another case on appeal to "harass Stanford."

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